

Arizona HGN/SFST Standards

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

HGN/SFST Certification Requirements

For any HGN/SFST candidate to be considered for certification as an HGN/SFST Technician, he/she will be required to:

- Be employed and under the direct control of a public criminal justice agency as a certified police officer/certified detention officer or an institution involved in providing training services to law enforcement agencies. (with the approval of the agency or state coordinator, other persons may audit or observe any or all portions of the SFST training)
- Attend a NHTSA approved 24 hour course
- Pass the course post test with a minimum score of 80%
- Pass the proficiency test
- Log a minimum of 35 gazes with a minimum accuracy rate of 80%
- Attend a wet lab and pass the practical test with a minimum accuracy of 80%
- Complete certification within one year of the classroom portion of the training. (Extensions may be allowed with the approval of the agency or state coordinator)

Commentary: Recommendation from at least one DRE Instructor or SFST Instructor indicating that the requirements above have been satisfied is required.

To maintain certification, the technician must keep a log of every subject tested which results in arrest as well as those in a training setting. The log must reflect at least 80% accuracy. PBTs are permitted to verify the results of an HGN test for the purpose of rolling log accuracy.

Out-of-State HGN/SFST Training Candidates Requesting Certification

For any HGN/SFST trained candidate from another state to be considered for certification as an HGN/SFST technician in Arizona, he/she will be required to:

- Be employed and under the direct control of a public criminal justice agency as a certified police officer/certified detention officer or an institution involved in providing training services to law enforcement agencies.
- Provide proof of attendance for a NHTSA/IACP approved course
- Pass the course post test with a minimum score of 80%
- Pass the proficiency test
- Log a minimum of 35 gazes with a minimum accuracy of 80%

- Attend a wet lab and pass the practical test with a minimum accuracy of 80%

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To maintain certification, the technician must keep a log of every subject tested which results in arrest as well as those in a training setting. The log must reflect at least 80% accuracy. PBTs are permitted to verify the results of an HGN test for the purpose of rolling log accuracy.